

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The final Office Action of June 30, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 1, 25, 61, 62 and 68 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-14, 25-37 and 61-79 remain pending after entry of the present amendment.

Summary of Telephonic Interview

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Tran for the courtesies extended to Applicants' undersigned counsel during the telephonic interviews on September 27, 2006 and October 4, 2006. Applicants further thank the Examiner for agreeing to enter the amendments made herein after final. The following remarks represent a summary of the substance of the interview.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-14, 25-37 and 61-79 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Per the telephonic interviews between Applicants' undersigned counsel and the Examiner, Applicants' have amended claims 1, 25, 61, 62 and 68 to be in a more preferred form. Claims 1-14, 25-37 and 61-79 are thus allowable for at least this reason.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3156.

Respectfully submitted,
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